FLEX Student Mentor



Project Title	FLEX Student Mentor
Summary	Help support Tajikistan's 2020 FLEX cohort, unable to attend their exchange program due to COVID-19. You will assist in a year-long virtual program teaching English language skills, professional development, and U.S. cultural studies.
Country	Tajikistan

Project Description

Tajikistan's cohort of 38 students selected for the Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX), a year attending an American high school and living with a host family, were unfortunately unable to travel for their program due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although most have since enrolled in universities in Tajikistan, Embassy Dushanbe has designed a virtual program to provide them with professional development and workplace skills, advanced English language training, and opportunities to remotely experience U.S. culture in preparation for a possible face-to-face experience during summer 2021.

We are seeking an American intern who can serve as the primary English language trainer for the group as well as provide occasional lessons on American culture and values and connections to U.S. based universities and organizations that might be willing to deliver presentations and workshops. Each of the students have already at least intermediate-advanced English skills, and due to the large number, it will likely be necessary to divide them into groups. The intern may choose to conduct lessons using a combination of synchronous classes and asynchronous lessons and assignments.

The project will be managed through Embassy Dushanbe, with additional assistance from American Councils (who implements the FLEX program in Tajikistan). We envision the students meeting approximately once a week for English language programs plus possible home assignments. The virtual course will last through the middle of June, at which point, depending on the COVID-19 situation in Tajikistan and the world, the Embassy will decide what form face-to-face programming might take.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Cultural diplomacy

Educational design

Additional Information

Although not required, Tajik/Farsi or Russian language skills will be helpful and prior experience in Central Asian countries will be a plus. Because the students will be in school during the workday, synchronous programming will need to take place during the hours of 4-8pm Dushanbe time (7-11am EDT).

Language Requirements

None